

ABSTRACT

5 A padlock, including a shackle having a short leg with a first locking recess and a longer leg having an opposed second locking recess, said longer leg being connected by a longitudinally elongated recess or flat to a peripheral recess disposed towards the end of the longer leg,

10 and a casing having a short and a longer recess extending into the casing from a first end surface to accept the short and longer shackle leg respectively, a central recess extending into the casing from an opposed second end surface, an offset recess extending into the casing from the opposed second end surface and intersecting the central recess, the intersection defining a first and a second longitudinally elongated cusp portions, said short, longer and central recesses being intersected by a transverse recess extending into the casing from a first side of the casing,

15 a cylinder having a key operable barrel characterized by an undisplaced position enabling key removal,

two opposed balls supported within the transverse recess; a first ball able to protrude into the short recess and first locking recess and a second ball to protrude into the longer recess and second locking recess,

20 a cam to control the balls, and a coupler to facilitate operable coupling between the cam and the cylinder,

the coupler being mountable within the body to provide a Type 1 padlock characterized by an unlocked, open configuration where short leg is free of the casing, the longer leg is supported in the casing and the key is removable,

25 the coupler being mountable within the body to provide a Type 2 padlock characterized by an unlocked, open configuration where the short leg is free of the body, the longer leg is supported in the body casing and the key and barrel cannot be rotated to the undisplaced position to enable key removal.